

PETERSBURG.
THE POSTMASTERSHIP SETTLED—COLONEL POTTS SAID TO BE THE MAN—A SATISFACTORY APPOINTMENT—DEATH OF A PETERSBURG ABROAD—THE DISTRICT GRANGE—DISEASE AMONG HORSES—FURTHER NOTES.
(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)
MARCH 15, 1877.

The question of who shall be our postmaster for the district of Petersburg has been received from Washington this afternoon. About 1 o'clock Dr. E. H. Smith, of Dinwiddie county, who was an aspirant for the office, and whose petition was sent on to the President Tuesday night, received a telegram from Hon. J. Ambler Smith, announcing that Colonel Potts had been nominated for postmaster by the President. Previous information had been received that the appointment would be between Dr. Smith and Colonel Potts, whereupon the former withdrew his application and cast his influence in favor of the latter. A subsequent telegram from another and entirely trustworthy source states that Colonel Potts had been appointed (nominated) postmaster, and that the nomination was agreed upon in Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Colonel Potts made no direct application for the position. His friends managed the whole matter, both here and at Washington, where the influences were potent both with the President and the Postmaster-General. It is needless to say that the election for appointment was a very close one, and that the nomination received with gratification generally. Colonel Potts was for nearly thirty years treasurer of the Petersburg Railroad Company, in which capacity he served faithfully and efficiently. For many years also he was a member of the common council and a justice of the peace. He is one of the oldest members and officers of the First Baptist church, a staunch Conservative, and a citizen of unblemished character. He will make a good postmaster.

The intelligence was received to-day of the death last evening of Dr. Paul M. Hand, the deceased was a daughter of the late Robert Egerton, of this city, and a sister of Mrs. Colonel William E. Cameron.

The District Grange last night recommended Mr. Peter F. Cogbill for agent in this city. Cogbill has held the position for a year past. After the appointment of an executive committee for the ensuing year, and discussing several matters of interest to the order, the Grange adjourned.

The disease known as "blind staggers" has been prevailing with fatal effect among the horses in this section recently, and a number of the animals have died both in the city and country. Dr. T. F. Scott lost a fine horse last night.

At the meeting of the Second Baptist church last night the members joined the church. The command of baptism was administered to a number of candidates at this church last Sunday night.

CHARLOTTEVILLE.
BROT-CAPTAIN APPOINTMENT—THE POSTMASTERSHIP—CITING AFFAIR.
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Quite a serious affray occurred here on Tuesday night. The accounts of it are so variable that, not being an eye-witness, I have been at considerable trouble to get at the facts. It appears that the Hayes and Wheeler Club, composed of the colored people in this community, determined to have a torch-light procession on Tuesday night to celebrate the fraud by which a President has recently been seated. They obtained permission from the Mayor to have the torch-light procession, the condition that it should be an orderly affair. The thing was kept a profound secret, and until about 9 o'clock some people knew nothing of the celebration. The procession formed at Delavan church and marched down in good order to Court street, where the diversions of the torch-light procession were made as to some from whom they expected orations, but being disappointed in this they became very disorderly; and this being brought to the attention of the Mayor, he sent an order for them to disperse. The order was not obeyed, and upon a second demand, when the Mayor and Alderman Kellar appeared on the scene and commanded them to put out their lights and disperse. Some one in the procession then declared that they "be d—d if they would disperse," upon which the Mayor ordered the police to arrest the speaker, where (the Mayor) and Alderman Kellar were set upon by some dozen roughs with clubs, and in a few minutes they were knocked senseless. Policemen Worth and Johnson were also severely beaten. Not anticipating any further trouble, the Mayor ordered the police to disperse the crowd, and the white people were assembling at this juncture, and the Monticello Guard, having been ordered out, were in line of battle in a few minutes, with drums charged and bayonets fixed, ready to pour destruction into the ranks of the mob. Fortunately the mob did not call upon them to move upon them, for just about this time some one fired off a pistol in the crowd, and such a stampede as followed has not been seen since the memorable Bull Run affair.

Mr. E. J. Houchens was struck also in the middle. The negroes who made the assault were promptly arrested, and were taken to the police station. One Parker, a negro, who was standing on the street after the stampede, was set upon by a student and badly beaten. Parker is a leader amongst the negroes. The Mayor promptly ordered the arrest of the student. The Monticello Guard patrolled the streets during the night, and the clock striking every thing was quiet. Yesterday the affair had gotten to be commonplace, and to-day is badly mentioned.

Mr. J. Adam Patterson, of this town, received the appointment as cadet to West Point from this district, having passed the competitive examination at Savannah, Ga. Patterson is a young man of fine attainments, and will no doubt do credit to the appointment.

There are no new developments in relation to the broken bank. A statement of its condition has not yet been rendered. It is expected that the Court will adjourn in a few days.

The appointment of Mrs. General Long as postmaster of this place has been officially confirmed and the order given for the transfer of the office to her hands. It is understood that the present efficient clerk, Frank Ketchum, will be retained.

A party of negroes attacked the colored Conservative, John Barbour, last night, when in self-defense he cut one of them named Winston Williams very severely.

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ary orders are withheld, the Nicholas government will become the only existing government, and will have to be recognized as such. In the mean time it will be the duty of the Administration to take care that the results shall not imperil the rights and equity of the colored people of Louisiana so far as it has power to prevent it, and also to take care that the Republicans like yourself, against whom nothing disputable can be alleged, should not suffer, and receive consideration and position in some appropriate way."

Packard replied March 14th, concluding: "Though the effort cost me life, still that devotion would be a better heritage to my children than the plaudits of the White League of the State, when gained by a surrender of both manhood and duty. I am the Governor, and no armed force or violence can give my competitor a lawful title."

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The new election scheme is abandoned by all parties. This morning the best opinion is hardening that Packard and Chamberlain must yield to the pressure. There are signs of impatience and irritation in Administration circles at the feeble attempts to thwart the southern party on this occasion.

WHITE-HOUSE LOUISIANA INTERVIEWERS.
Colonel Lewis and Counselor Charter (colored), quite prominent in Louisiana politics, are at the White House waiting an interview with the President. The idea, gathered from the lobby conversations, seems to be that under the Administration policy they are sought for political and personal rights. They would prefer that Packard and those on his ticket throughout the State should be sustained, but are willing to yield to a course of events which the pressure of public opinion demands.

HAMPTON REFUTES THE NEW ELECTION SCHEME.

A telegram from Governor Hampton was laid before the President to-day stating that he would regard the new election project of Senator Patterson as an insult, and that he does not ask the President to recognize him. All that he wishes is that the troops be withdrawn from the State in order that the will of the people may be carried out, and that peaceably.

PAYMASTER GOODLOE—THE VACANCY ON THE SUPREME BENCH.
Green City Goodloe, appointed on the marine corps since the war as lieutenant, succeeded to the position of paymaster. Goodloe is appointed from Kentucky, and is very desirable place is supposed to have been given in the interest of conciliation to Bristow.

Herschel V. Johnson and Joshua Hall are pressed for the vacant place on the bench. If the President places one or the other they will have it, with the chances in favor of Hall.

An Iowa newspaper man named Hutton will become the public printer. A series of surprises may be expected. The Administration is certainly emotional.

VARIOUS ITEMS.
William M. Groveson, of Missouri, will be appointed chief clerk of the Interior Department.

Boutwell has been confirmed for the Revised Statutes.

The Treasury has called in another ten-million of 5-20 bonds.

Ex-President Grant, in conversation with the President, has declined to accept the position of the civil-service reform, said he never contemplated the "black-board examination" of applicants which was instituted by George William Curtis's board. He thought it rather a singular fact that the man who passed the best examination in the country should be called to the penitentiary. He failed to say to whom he referred.

NEW YORK.
New York, March 15.—Gold opened at 104 1/2. Non-stocks active with better feeling. Money 2 per cent. Gold, 100 days, 100 days, 100 days, 486. Governments strong. State bonds steady.

BALTIMORE.
Baltimore, March 15.—Virginia 60c deferred, 55c; consolidated, 62c; second series, 57c; North Carolina, 55c; 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 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